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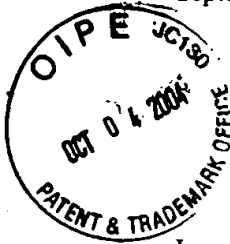
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Title: Operational Lists for Simultaneous Wafer Scheduling and System Event Scheduling

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the office action mailed on June 25, 2004 (hereinafter the "last office action"). The 3-month period for responding to the last office action ends on September 25, 2004, which is a Saturday. Therefore, Applicants have until the following Monday, September 27, to submit a response without having to pay a one-month extension fee.

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